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Title: Comparator Circuits Having  
Non-Complementary Input Structures

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Restriction Requirement.

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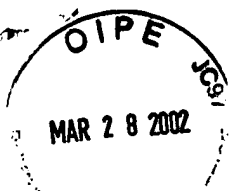
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 21, 2002 in the above-identified application. Claims 1-41 are currently pending in the application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required Applicant to elect one of thirteen different species identified by the Examiner.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse the species of Group I, corresponding to the embodiment of FIG. 11, for prosecution on the merits. Applicant submits that claims 1-7, 36, 37, 40 and 41 are readable on the elected species.

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